

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site -- Calendar of Events

August - December 2016

Join us for a variety of free programs. Step back in time with living history characters, explore new exhibits, listen to music, learn about a new topic at an author lecture, or enjoy a unique dramatic presentation. Reservations are required for some programs and may be made by calling 314-842-1867 ext. 230

Daily through October 30

Exhibit on African American Civil War Hero – Robert Smalls

This traveling exhibit includes scaled replicas of the ships Robert Smalls piloted during the Civil War, furniture from the “big house” where Smalls and his mother were enslaved, and letters written to Smalls by Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass, President Garfield, and other dignitaries. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, August 25 – 7:00 pm

National Park Service Centennial Band Concert

It’s the National Park Service’s 100th birthday! Come to the park and celebrate by listening to the NPS Centennial Band from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park. Bring your friends and family to this free concert. The concert will be on the grounds of the park, so bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Friday, August 26 – 7:00 pm

Lift Every Voice: The Black Experience in the Heartland

Family-friendly play to celebrate the National Park Service’s Centennial and the many Black Americans who made a difference in the American Midwest. Ideal for children ages 8-12, but all will enjoy this performance. **Reservations required.**

Friday, September 9, 6:30 pm -9:00 pm

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday, September 11, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Grant or Greeley—Which? The Election of 1872 Living History Weekend

Family-friendly weekend of free living history presentations, music, hands-on activities, displays, and much more. The park’s website has more. www.nps.gov/ulsg

Saturday, October 8 – 10:00 am

John Y. Simon Day Annual Grant Lecture: Edwina Campbell

Author and historian Edwina S. Campbell will talk about Grant’s two-year world tour through Europe and Asia. Her new book on this topic, *Citizen of a Wider Commonwealth: Ulysses S. Grant's Post-presidential Diplomacy* will be available in our bookstore. **Reservations required.**

Friday, October 14 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 15 – 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

George Washington portrayed by Dean Malissa

Living history performance by the official historical-portrayer of George Washington at Mount Vernon.
Reservations required.

Saturday, October 22 – 10:00 am

The Life of Congressman Robert Smalls

Robert Sutton, historian emeritus for the National Park Service, will talk about Robert Smalls. Smalls was the first African American hero of the Civil War and later a U.S. Congressman. The program coincides with the park's temporary exhibit on Robert Smalls that closes on October 30. **Reservations required.**

Friday, November 4 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 5 – 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

Mr. U.S. Grant – a one-person show

Dan Haughey is an actor, storyteller, and teaching artist from Illinois who will portray Grant in this short play. **Reservations required.**

Saturday, December 10 – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Holidays at White Haven

Come celebrate the holidays with costumed interpreters and special events at the historic house and stables. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, December 10 – 1:00-4:00 pm and 4:30-7:30 pm

Grant and Twain – A One Act Play

Grant's efforts to write a book about the war were hindered when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. His friend Mark Twain was determined to help Grant publish the book despite obstacles and threats of betrayal close to home. **Reservations required.**

Friday, December 16 – 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 17 – 10:00 am and 1:00 pm

A Message at Midnight—A One-Act Play

It's Christmas Eve of 1864 and as midnight approaches Grant arrives to meet with the President at the White House. This one-act play was commissioned by the park and features Fritz Klein as Lincoln, Pam Brown as Mary Todd Lincoln, and Dennis Rendleman as General Grant. **Reservations required.**

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